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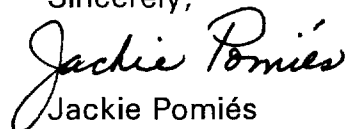
Dear Dr. Friedman:

Re Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1:

I write in support of the petition requesting the FDA and USDA to classify meat from downers as adulterated.

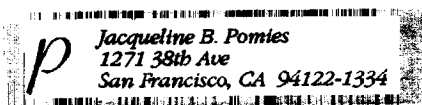
With the increasing incidence of food safety risks, the issue of downed animals is no longer simply a matter of animal suffering but of consumers' health as well. The meat from just one diseased cow can contaminate up to sixteen tons of mass-produced meat.

Please act positively on this petition as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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